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Ruby Dies—Where JFK, Oswald Died

Jack Ruby

DALLAS (UPI)—Jack Ruby, the killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, died of cancer today in the same hospital where both President Kennedy and Oswald died three years ago.

Parkland Hospital announced that Ruby sank into a coma and died at 10:30 a.m. CST (11:30 a.m. EST) of the widespread cancer discovered in his body last month.

Ruby, 55, who shot Oswald in full view of millions of television on Nov. 24, 1963, was once convicted and sentenced to death for the crime. But the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Oct. 5 reversed the conviction and sentence.

THE court ordered a new trial. It was scheduled in Wichita Falls, Tex., some time this year.

Ruby's attorneys last week asked that he be given a lie detector test on his contention that there was no conspiracy involved in the killing of Oswald. But the request was turned down because authorities said the drugs he was taking would make it inaccurate.

In New York, Capitol Records announced it had secretly recorded an interview with Ruby on his hospital bed in which he denied there was a conspiracy.

The record company said Ruby's statements were incorporated into a 46-minute record entitled "The Assassination." Ruby's talk takes up three minutes.

Ruby, a tough, balding man who came out of the slums of Chicago and ran nightclubs in Dallas, shot Oswald as the accused assassin was being moved to the Dallas County Jail.

RUBY was wrestled to the ground by police and has been imprisoned since until he entered Parkland.

At that time, his sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, said: "That guy's dying."

In New York sources said the recorded interview was made in Parkland within the last few weeks. They said it was taped secretly by a tape recorder hidden in a briefcase. An unwitting guard was in the hospital room and two were outside the door at the time.